

Highlights in Idaho History

- 1805/06** Lewis & Clark explore Idaho on their journey from St. Louis to the Pacific Ocean.
- 1810** Fur trading era begins with the establishment of trading posts near Bonner's Ferry and St. Anthony.
- 1848** Oregon Territory (including Idaho) established.
- 1859** Oregon becomes a state. Idaho is now part of Washington Territory.
- 1860** Mining era begins with discovery of gold at Orofino.
- 1863** Idaho Territory is established with its capital at Lewiston.
- 1865** Territorial capital is moved to Boise.
- 1877** Nez Perce Indian War fought throughout summer. Chief Joseph surrenders near Canadian border.
- 1889** University of Idaho established in Moscow.
- 1890** Idaho becomes the 43rd state on July 3rd.
- 1894** Congress passes Carey Act, opening the Snake River Valley to irrigation and farming.
- 1899** Gov. Steunenberg calls in federal troops to suppress riots in the Coeur d'Alene mining district.
- 1905** Construction of new capitol building begins. Fmr. Gov. Steunenberg assassinated in Caldwell.
- 1914** Moses Alexander is elected - the first Jewish governor in U.S. history.
- 1931** State income tax adopted.
- 1935** Sales Tax passed by Legislature, but rejected by voters. Pea picker rebellion leads to martial law in Teton County.
- 1955** Arco becomes the first city in the world to be lit by atomic power.
- 1965** Sales Tax established at 3% rate.
- 1969** Annual legislative sessions begin.
- 1989** State lottery established.
- 2001** Legislature passes first permanent income tax rate cuts.